

**CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 4, 2002

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Creeks Restoration and Water Quality Improvement Program
Citizens Advisory Committee

**SUBJECT: RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE PROPOSED CONSOLIDATED
STREET SWEEPING PROGRAM**

At a special meeting on December 3, 2002, the Creeks Restoration and Water Quality Improvement Program Citizens Advisory Committee (Creeks Advisory Committee) discussed the proposed consolidated street sweeping program. After the Staff presentation and much discussion, the Creeks Advisory Committee approved (5/1) the following recommendation to City Council:

The Creeks Advisory Committee supports the proposed consolidated street sweeping program under the following conditions:

- 1. Measure B funds are not used for the \$236,000 start-up expenses.**
- 2. The proposed annual contribution of \$150,000 from Measure B is dependent upon a report at the end of the pilot program that shows street sweeping results in improvements to water quality.**

The following discussion provides an overview of the Advisory Committee's discussion.

The Advisory Committee acknowledged that street sweeping is an important public service and that the City should provide this service. However, the Advisory Committee expressed concerns about the role of Measure B funds in supporting street sweeping since the Westside pilot program has yet to show a demonstrable impact on water quality. Without a report detailing the results of the pilot program in terms of improving water quality, the Committee was reluctant to support an expanded, permanent street sweeping program.

The Committee also expressed concerns about the proposed budget and the process for Committee input and consideration of the proposal. Budget concerns included the use of Measure B funds for program start-up costs and whether the Creeks Program would be reimbursed for these start-up costs with future year surpluses. Committee members suggested that other sources of funds be sought for start-up expenses.

Lastly, there was some concern regarding consideration of the proposal outside the larger context of the budget planning process for fiscal year 2004.

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